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Proposed construction of three hospitals.

[Decree No. 26, June 30, 1902.]

"Considering that the foundation and maintenance of 3 hospitals in the Comarca of Port Limon is of imperious necessity, it is decreed that the decree of June 9, 1899, be reformed in the following terms:

"Article 1. The construction of three hospitals by the executive power will be proceeded with as soon as possible; one for the service of the zone comprehended between Gaupiles and La Junta; another for the zone comprehended between La Junta and the port of Port Limon, and another for the service of the port of Port Limon. The two first will have an isolation ward, and the one for Port Limon will be exclusively for the isolation and treatment of patients suffering with contagious diseases.

"For these constructions the expenses necessary will be met by the funds existing in the public treasury arising from the tax created by the decree already alluded to.

"Art. 2. The buildings once constructed and equipped, the product of the tax will be destined to their maintenance, and the overplus to the building of a general hospital in the port of Port Limon according as may be decreed. In the event of the executive power considering it advisable to undertake as soon as possible the construction of the latter hospital, they are authorized to estimate the approximate cost and appropriate the amount after providing for the maintenance of the three already mentioned hospitals.

"Art. 3. After the foregoing have been provided for, balance will accumulate until a capital of C 100,000 is reached which will remain consolidated in the public treasury.

Current items.

"The death took place on the 27th ultimo at Guapiles of Cifonia Alvarado, it is said from yellow fever, 59 miles from Port Limon.

"Two banana steamers will leave here next week for Charleston, and in future there will be a weekly fruit steamer for that port."

[Sent by Wm. H. Carson, Acting Assistant Surgeon.]

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, July 13, 1902.

SIR: Through Surg. A. H. Glennan, Havana, I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued during the week ended July 12, 1902.

It will be noted that during the period mentioned 4 bills of health were issued to vessels bound for the United States. None were disinfected. Twenty deaths were reported during the week, giving a mortality of 26.07 per 1,000 per annum. Seven deaths were due to tuberculosis.

Nothing of importance has been reported from the subports of this district.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

G. M. GUITÉRAS.
Passed Assistant Surgeon.